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[Despatch Abstract.]

L.A. Qns. - Nurses (Men and Women) Marriage-
while under training- permission to live out
side after marriage- papers recorded

Representation from the nursing profession.

* 140 Q. Sri T.S. Pattabiraman: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that nurses are allowed to get married after the completion of their training period;

(b) whether the married nurses are compelled to live within the hospital compounds and are prohibited from living outside with their families;

(c) whether the Government have received representations from the nursing profession to permit the married nurses to remain outside with their families; and

(d) if so, what the attitude of the Government is, towards the above request?

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty:- "(a) There is no restriction in regard to nurses marrying after the completion of their training and after serving the compulsory contract period of six months as staff nurses, which they are bound to serve after successful completion of training in accordance with the agreement executed by them at the commencement of the training

(b) All the nurses are required to live in the Government quarters provided for them;

(c) No;

(d) Does not arise."

Sri R.V. Swaminathan: "Arising out of the answer to clause (b), is it fair to compel married nurses to live within hospital compound, Sir?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty: "Occasionally, temporary permission is given to nurses, who have to suckle babies, to live outside the hospital."

Sri B.S. Murthi: "May I ask the Hon. Minister whether male nurses also have to live within the hospital compound?"

The Hon. Sri. A.B. Shetty: "Male nurses have to live in quarters provided for them."

Sri G. Rajamannar Chetty:- "In the course of his answer, the Hon. Minister said that the staff nurses are allowed to marry after sometime. May I ask the Hon. Minister whether other nurses who are not staff nurses can marry?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty: "Yes, Sir. Matrons and Sisters can marry."

Sri G. Rajamannar Chetty: "I mean nurses who are not staff nurses, that is, nurses not of higher cadre?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. Shetty: "Nurses who are under training cannot marry."

Sri B.S. Murthi: "May question referred to male nurses who are married?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty: "All nurses are required to live in the premises of the hospital."

N. Muhammad Anwar Sahib Bahadur:- "During training and after training are male nurses allowed to marry sir?" (Laughter.)

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty:- "They are allowed to marry."

Sri S. Nagaraja Manigar: "May I ask the Hon. Minister whether there is any bar to widows with children undertaking the nurses' course?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty:- "Widows with grown-up children can be nurses."

Sri B.S. Murthi: "Arising out of the answer of the Hon. Minister that male nurses are allowed to marry before training and during the period of training, may I ask why not the same concession be shown to the female nurses also?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty:- "Women nurses who marry will have to attend to their husbands and to their children. That will be an encumbrance to them. They may have to take maternity leave. Therefore women nurses are not allowed to marry during their training period but after training, they can marry."

N. Muhammad Anwar Sahib Bahadur:- "Sir, under the draft Constitution, there is a provision for equality of opportunity irrespective of sex. If that is so, may I know why this Government allows a discrimination to be made between male nurses and female nurses?"

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty:- "I do not think the draft Constitution is meant to apply to such cases."

Sri P. Natesan: "May I ask the Hon. Minister whether, while nurses are engaged in their training, they can get themselves engaged to be married?" (Laughter).

The Hon. Sri A.B. Shetty:- "It is a question which the hon. Member may address to other quarters. (Laughter) They are not allowed to marry but they can get themselves engaged to be married." (Laughter.)

Note: Please see the printed proceedings extracted on pp 3-4 above. No action seems called for. The papers may now be recorded.

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